

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/08/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7-14 and 17-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-4,7-14,17-24 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not anticipate nor teach in combination the following limitations:
 - Boddy et al (6,919,796) although disclosing a mirror housing and two mirror reflection portions 120 and 122 encompassing a substantial periphery of each other, Boddy et al fails to teach the combination of a mirror housing, a mirror, a turn indicator light and separate position light mounted in the housing in positions separate from the mirror and projecting light outwardly from the vehicle body in a forward direction, the mirror housing including a first lens covering the turn indicator light, a second lens covering the position light, where in the first lens is larger than the second lens and wherein a side of the first lens abuts against a side of the second lens so that a substantial part of peripheries of the first and second lenses adjoin each other;
 - Henion et al (2005/0190465) although teaching a mirror housing with a first and second reflective elements encompassing a substantial periphery of each other 32,36, Henion fails to teach the combination of a mirror housing, a mirror, a turn indicator light and separate position light mounted in the housing in positions separate from the mirror and projecting light outwardly from the vehicle body in a forward direction, the mirror housing including a first lens covering the turn indicator light, a second lens covering the position light, where in the first lens is

larger than the second lens and wherein a side of the first lens abuts against a side of the second lens so that a substantial part of peripheries of the first and second lenses adjoin each other;

- Pastrick (2002/0126497) although teaching a mirror housing including a mirror assembly including an emergency illuminating assembly having two separate lenses abutting against each other (130,160, fig 23), Pastrick fails to teach the combination of a mirror housing, a mirror, a turn indicator light and separate position light mounted in the housing in positions separate from the mirror and projecting light outwardly from the vehicle body in a forward direction, the mirror housing including a first lens covering the turn indicator light, a second lens covering the position light, where in the first lens is larger than the second lens and wherein a side of the first lens abuts against a side of the second lens so that a substantial part of peripheries of the first and second lenses adjoin each other;

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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